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PIMPERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on **Wednesday, 11th April, 2012**, at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

PRESENT: Cllrs. P. Slocombe (Chairman), D. Andrews, A. Argles, A. Barker, D. Hart, D. Mackenzie

IN ATTENDANCE: District Cllr M. Oliver, S. Bamforth (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE were received and accepted from Cllr Tanner and County Cllr Campbell

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: Cllr Hart declared a personal interest in planning application 2/2012/0280, on which he would not be speaking.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th March, 2012 were approved and signed, with one amendment.

ACTION

4. COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: none.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: District Cllr Oliver said he had nothing to report, but would be reporting to the Annual Parish Meeting.

6. DEMOCRATIC PERIOD

No matters raised.

7. MATTERS ARISING

- a) DT11 meeting on neighbourhood planning: the Chairman reported this would now be held on 30th April.
- b) Village newsletter: the Chairman would ask at the Annual Parish Meeting if there were any demand for a more frequent newsletter.
- c) Parking at entrance to School Field: Cllr Andrews was continuing to monitor the situation.

8. PLANNING

- a) No notifications of outstanding applications had been received.
- b) The Council considered the following new application:
2/2012/0280 Malusa, Letton Close, Pimperne: to raise roof height to create additional accommodation in roof space. The Council had no comments.
- d) Councillors would check if they were free to attend the CPRE seminar on neighbourhood planning on 15th May at Cerne Abbas at a cost of £5 per head.
- e) The Chairman and Cllr Tanner would contact the Chairman of Stourpaine Parish Council to discuss his idea of a joint neighbourhood plan.

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9. OFFICERS' AND REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

a) **DT11:** The Chairman reported that the DT11 AGM would be held on Tuesday, 17th April.

b) **Tree Officer:** Cllr Hart reported that the Bannoeks and the Allans had been contacted by DCC tree officers about the trees about which they had complained but no dates had been set for action. Cllr Tanner had raised the idea of a tree survey to note trees requiring TPOS; Cllr Hart could only think of one worth preserving.

c) **Rights of Way:** Cllr Barker noted that FP16 was blocked by a cro; the Clerk would write to Mr Dalton. She also noted that part of FP11 had been ploughed and not restored; the Clerk would write to Mr Taylor. Cllr Barker would check with the Countryside Rangers that all new stiles would have wire on the step beam. The Clerk would ask the Dog Warden to monitor FP10 as dog waste bags were being left in the hedgerow. **Clerk**

d) **Pimperne Primary School:** Cllr Tanner had reported by e-mail that the school was looking forward to the summer term and the jubilee celebration and that DCC was progressing the building of the new school.

e) **Village Hall:** the Chairman reported that the AGM would be in early May.

f) **Flood Warden:** Cllr Tanner had reported by e-mail that the lack of water was becoming serious.

g) **DAPTC:** Cllr Andrews noted that he would attend the next Northern Area meeting at Stalbridge.

h) **Homewatch:** Cllr Andrews reported that 23 incidents in the last month was the highest ever recorded.

10. HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

The Chairman noted that speed tubes had been placed in Church Road by DCC Highways but the outcome was not yet known. The Clerk reported that PMUs as such no longer existed and complaints should be made direct to Dorset Works (Tel 01305 221020 or online at <http://maps.dorsetforyou.com/highways/reportproblem/>). She had made enquiries about the vegetation management programme and the response would be circulated to councillors. Cllr Barker asked about satellite dishes visible from the Highway within the conservation area; the Clerk would check the addresses and raise with NDDC planning enforcement.

11. SCHOOL FIELD

The Chairman reported that he and Mr Toze had met with County Cllr Campbell and DCC officials; a 30 year lease or possibly longer, on a peppercorn rent was considered one way forward; DCC would correspond further with the Council.

12. WAR MEMORIAL

Nothing to report.

13. FINANCES

a) The Clerk presented a written financial statement for March, showing details of income and expenditure, set against budget.

b) The Council approved the payment and instructed the signature of the following cheques:

1011	S Bamforth - Clerk's salary March	At agreed rate
1012	HMRC - PAYE on Clerk's salary	At appropriate rate
1013	S Bamforth - Clerk's expenses incl heating and electricity	£119.35

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1014	NDDC - printing of newsletter	£125.07
1015	DAPTC Clerk's seminars	£16.00
1016	Sandisons - payroll services 2011-12	£90.00
1017	Dorset County Council - bin emptying	£67.23
1018	Pimperne Village Hall	£31.50

c) The Council would hold a Reading Room Trust meeting immediately after the next Parish Council meeting to consider investing the funds at a better rate of interest.

d) The Clerk noted that Pimperne had been among the random 5% selected for a more extensive audit; she would circulate the questionnaire. **Clerk**

14. CODE OF CONDUCT

The Council noted the requirement to adopt a new Code.

15. JUNIOR PLAY AREA

The Chairman noted the equipment was in need of replacement.

16. PROPERTY CHECK

a) The Chairman would purchase two padlocks for the unlocked grit bins. **Chairman**

b) Cllr Argles would carry out the next month's check.

17. CORRESPONDENCE

a) DCC; mobile library questionnaire; the Chairman would mention at the Annual Parish Meeting

18. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

a) To consider General Power of Competence

19. The time and date of the next meeting was confirmed as 7.00pm on Wednesday, 9th May, 2012, in the Village Hall and the time and date of the Annual Parish Meeting as 7.00pm on Wednesday 25th April. The Council agreed that the Chairman should purchase the refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting

The meeting ended at 8.55pm.